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SUBJECT: SPAIN COUNTRY CLEARANCE FOR USNRC COMMISSIONER  
MERRIFIED AND DELEGATION

REF: STATE 55129

1. Embassy welcomes and grants country clearance to USNRC Commissioner Jeffrey S. Merrified; Mr. John Thoma, the Commissioner's Technical Assistant for Materials; Mr. William Borchardt, Deputy Director of the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation; Mr. John Greeves, Director of the Division of Waste Management; and Cindy Rosales Bush, International Relations Specialist, Office of International Programs, to visit various sites in Madrid, Guadalajara and Santander March 28-April 2, to conduct a bilateral meeting with the Consejo de Seguridad Nuclear (CSN), and give a speech at the Nuclear Energy Industry's World Nuclear Fuel Cycle Conference 2004.

2. Control Officer for this visit is Science and Technology Officer Laura Lochman who can be reached at, Office PH: 34-91-587-2385; Cell: 34-649-864978; e-mail: lochmanla@state.gov. The courtesy visit with the Ambassador is confirmed for March 29 at 09:00 am. Transportation has also been arranged for Commissioner Merrified and delegation as requested refel.

3. THREAT ASSESSMENT:

In general, Spain is safe. However, Madrid, Barcelona and other large cities in Spain -- including resort/convention areas such as Benidorm -- attract a large number of criminals and pickpockets and frequent incidents of crime of opportunity against the unwary do occur. Carry only essential items including a photocopy of your passport's photo page. Visitors can protect themselves against crime by being street-smart, alert and aware of their surroundings. In the event you are victimized by crime, or experience any security-related incident, please contact the Embassy's Regional Security Office at 91-587-2550 or after hours at 91-587-2355. Official visitors to the Embassy in Madrid or the Consulate General in Barcelona are encouraged to receive a security briefing from the RSO office at their earliest convenience. Additional information regarding safety and security in Spain is available on the U.S. Department of State's website (<http://www.state.gov>) and the U.S. Embassy's website ([www.embusa.es](http://www.embusa.es)).

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